



IN REPLY REFER TO:

STATE OF HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION 869 PUNCHBOWL STREET HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813-5097

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HB 2071 RELATING TO TRAFFIC

HOUSE COMMITTEE(S) ON TRANSPORTATION and ON PUBLIC SAFETY & MILITARY AFFAIRS

The Department of Transportation opposes HB 2071. Although HB 2071 is similar to the national movement for "move over laws" already implemented in the other 49 states in the United States, no other state has included a provision for non-emergency vehicles. The intent of the "move over laws" is to enhance safety for personnel utilizing emergency vehicles while performing vital public safety and convenience tasks. The inclusion of all vehicles would be impractical as it may be very difficult for a motorist to determine whether a vehicle is disabled and/or if there is a person present.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

